

# *Documents on Diplomacy: Resources*

## *Key Players: Section XII, The Post Cold War World and the 21st Century*

*Ban Ki-moon:* The eighth—and current—Secretary General of the United Nations. Ban assumed office in 2007 after a long career as a South Korean diplomat.

*George H.W. Bush:* The 41<sup>st</sup> President of the United States, President Bush was instrumental in drawing together a broad based coalition to oust Saddam Hussein from Kuwait in 1991.

*George W. Bush:* The 43rd President of the United States, George W. Bush was in office during the 2001 terrorist attack on the United States.

*Osama bin Laden:* Founder of the militant Islamic organization al-Qaeda that was responsible for a series of terrorist attacks on U.S. and Western interests. His most spectacular attack came on September 11, 2001, when hijacked airlines crashed into the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. A fourth plane was downed by its passengers in rural Pennsylvania.

*Robert Byrd:* The longest serving Senator in U.S. history, 1959-2010. He spoke eloquently in 2003 against the war in Iraq.

*Thomas Friedman:* An American journalist and author, Friedman is known for being a keen observer of international affairs.

*Saddam Hussein:* President of Iraq from 1979 until 2003. In 2003, a coalition of countries led by the United States and the United Kingdom deposed him. He was tried by Iraq's interim government in 2006 and executed.

*Ayatollah Ali Khamenei:* President of Iran from 1981 to 1989. Since 1989, the Ayatollah Khamenei has been the Supreme Leader of Iran.

*Colin Powell:* Secretary of State during the administration of George W. Bush from 2001 to 2005. Powell presented controversial evidence on Iraq's weapons of mass destruction before the UN Security Council in 2003. He had previously served as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and National Security Advisor.